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Watchful Eye

Child labor, sweatshops concern Wisconsin professor

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

Sweatshops and child labor regulatory agencies were the focus of a lecture yesterday evening by Gay W. Seidman, professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, who has studied the anti-apartheid movement and human rights issues for several decades.

Her study of transnational labor monitor schemes is supported by her fieldwork in India, Guatemala and South Africa. A growing concern, she said, is that as more products are made internationally, it is becoming more difficult to enforce labor laws.

"American consumers no longer can be sure goods can be produced under reasonable conditions," Seidman said. "U.S. policymakers worry about how Americans might

One way in which Americans started to combat sweatshops was in the late 1990's and early 2000's when college students began boycotts, she said. They had discovered university licensed apparel had been produced in sweatshops that abused child labor.

Seidman said that she began to wonder about the makeup of an effective monitoring system. She focused her studies on three different systems: the Sullivan Principles, Rugmark and Coverco.

The Sullivan Principles came at time when anti-apartheid activists demanded multinational organizations to leave South Africa, according to Seidman's



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Gay W. Seidman, professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, spoke about the human rights issues and labor schemes Monday evening at Forum Hall.

presentation. Leo Sullivan had just been promoted to CEO of the General Motors Corporation. In his first shareholder meeting, a resolution was drafted to withdraw from operations in South Africa.

Sullivan opted instead to institute a corporate code of conduct. The code encouraged integration in the workplace and instructed companies on how to become healthy corporate citizens among their populations, Seidman said.

By the mid-1980's, Sullivan himself had lost faith in his system, Seidman said. One of the problems was that it had failed to address the concerns of anti-apartheid activists. Furthermore, companies were graded more on how large of a donation they made to a local school rather than their workplace conditions.

The Rugmark system was a model that began in India and was adopted by the GAP clothing company. At the time, chil-

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dren as young as six years old were trained to work in hazardous conditions. The Indian government actually encouraged the hiring of children, Seidman said.

When news was made public about a group of child slaves that were intercepted in India, an international scandal was set off, she said. America and Germany were set to ban imports from India when the Rugmark became a standard. Subcontractors and com-

panies who agreed to the Rug-mark code of working conditions had a symbol sewn onto the backs of rugs that were produced without the use of child labor.

The standard is flawed though, she said.

"Non-governmental organizations rarely have the capacity for large scale monitoring, especially for small workshops," Seidman said. "The proliferation of codes may also confuse customers?

In Guatemala, a company known as Coverco monitors working conditions for many companies.

This group has a long history of monitoring, is well intentioned, very visible and can threaten companies with instant student boycotts," she said.

The problem with Coverco, however, is that it may only monitor companies that allow it. Also, when companies feel Coverco's analysis is too strict, they may opt for a different monitoring company, Seidman

She noted there are similarities among all three examples. Each monitoring situation was prompted by human rights concerns. The choice of a single consumer at a store to avoid companies with unhealthy working conditions is not nearly as effective as a boycott organized by an institution like a church or university. Monitoring schemes also lack feedback mechanisms for workers to complain about situations.

College needs \$3 million; fees proposed

Joel Pruett | COLLEGIAN

Today, college students have a number of financial concerns: "Where are the best sales?" "How will I pay for this month's rent?" "Who has the cheapest gas?"

As his college sits with seven digits of debt, one K-State official is more than able to

Brian Spooner, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and University Distinguished Professor of biology, said his college has accumulated \$3 million in debt due to "chronic under-funding." He said the debt added up as the college tended to overspend for classes and ad-

vising.
"That drifts our difference between our costs and the money available to do it a little further apart, suggesting that we're slightly in the red," Spooner said. "And that's an increasing degree of slightly."

The interim dean said the problem has been intensified by the need for new faculty, as well as the economic recession.

"As I came into this interim dean job and looked through all these issues, what I found was this dramatic difference between resources and obligations," Spooner said. "And I've worked during that period of time to reduce that by saying ... 'We can't afford to

Compared to the state of the college two years ago, today's College of Arts and Sciences is lacking 41 tenuretrack faculty. Spooner said this deficit is a result of the hiring freeze, which he said is caused by inadequate state funding.

He said about half of the college's budget is derived from tuition and most of the rest of the budget comes from

state funding. As the state decreases funding for the College of Arts and Sciences, tuition must account for an increasing portion of the bud-

Spooner said another problem contributing to the budgetary woes comes from the equal distribution of tuition funds. The College of Arts and Sciences generates about

percent of all student credit hours at K-State's Manhattan campus, he said, but the funds genfrom erated these credit hours are not paid in full to the college. These funds divided amongst a number of other campus entities.

"When they see this college walking down the hall, it's limping, dragging along a leg behind it, and we need to have

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During his interview for the interim dean position, Spooner said he suggested a \$10 per credit hour fee for classes in the College of Arts and Sciences in order to counteract the mounting debt. He said that next year, this potential fee is projected to generate somewhere between \$2.5 million and \$3 million.

The interim dean said even this fee increase is not fully sufficient in meeting their needs.

"Even if we had that \$3 million and therefore didn't have to use food stamps at the grocery store ... we would just be even," Spooner said. When they see this college walking down the hall, it's limping, dragging along a leg behind it, and we need to have an appropriate gait."

Bruce Shubert, vice president for Administration and Finance, said the Long-Term **Tuition Strategies Committee** has been "discussing tuition in the context of the existing budget system" since October. Shubert said this committee, which includes a number of students and university administrators, has suggested an alternative idea.

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Bruce Shubert INTERIM DEAN

> all colleges. Shubert said money from the fees would be paid to the specific college for which the fee

was assessed. Spooner, however, said he does not endorse a universitywide fee. He said the Colleges of Architecture, Business and Engineering already have fees established. The interim dean said this is not fair to what he calls the "have-not" colleges, or those who have no fees established.

"In my opinion, the inequity of that differential is shameful," Spooner said. "The argument that you need fancier equipment or better faculty ... I can apply it to the natural sciences component of Arts and Sciences, where our faculty ... bring in as much extramural research funding as the College of Agriculture or the College of Engineering."

Shubert said the \$39 per hour credit fee for the College of Engineering had simply been enacted in the past and is now status quo. He said it was established because the College of Engineering "demonstrated a need that people agreed to." Laboratory equipment and accommodation for pressures in recruiting faculty are identified as part of this need, Shubert said.

Shubert, however, said he endorses the university-wide fee. He said all colleges have specific needs and all have experienced budget cuts in the last two years.

Before approved, the fees will have to travel through several K-State evaluators and will eventually go_before the Board of Regents. The fee evaluation process will not be completed until this June. A 3 percent increase in university-wide tuition is also being considered.

STUDENT RESPONSE

Meredith Lindsey, nior in theater performance and broadcast journalism, said her parents promised her four years of college education. Lindsey is completing her fourth year of college, however, and will be returning next year to finish her degrees. She said she's concerned about the potential increases in tuition and fees.

"After this year, my parents will no longer be able to afford to do more than maybe help me out a couple of times a month," Lindsey said. "We've not really discussed it - I'm a little afraid to ask them about what I'm going to do next year."

She is working two jobs this semester and said she is afraid she may have to acquire a third to compensate

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CITY COMMISSION

City discusses trash, drainage

Vestoria Simmons | COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission will hold its regular work session at 5 tonight in City Hall. Commissioners are expected to hear updates on trash nuisance issues and the Tecumseh-Quivera Storm Drainage Project.

The commissioners will not be voting or passing any motions during the work session.

Citizens of Manhattan and the commission have expressed concerns about trash nuisances, improperly contained household trash spread by wind and large amounts of trash accumulating becoming a problem.

Under its current policy, Code Services sends notices of trash container and nuisance trash violations through the mail. Service can take anywhere from a couple days to a couple weeks, while the trash condition continues. The commission will decide if proposed ordinance changes should move forward for further consideration.

The commission will also discuss updates to the Tecumseh-Quivera Storm Sewer System Im-

Confining stormwater is a common practice in many communities, including Manhattan, to slow stormwater and regulate its flow. Flooding is very frequent at the intersection of Tecumseh Road and Quivera Road. The project team has developed a plan for more detention in the wa-

As part of the overall project, there is a plan for a sidewalk to be constructed on the west side of Hartford Road from Claflin Road north to Jardine. Currently, this area has no sidewalk, and the proposed sidewalk would allow pedestrian access to the area and link the Jardine Trail and the proposed Riley County walking path that will encircle the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department. To construct, the sidewalk requires removal of several mature trees and the use of existing right-of-way. A few property owners along Hartford Road believe the sidewalk is not necessary and do not agree with the removal of the trees.

The commissioners will provide input to the design team on this issue.

All citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting, or watch on local cable channel 3. A live feed of the meeting will also be available on the city of Manhattan's Web site, Ci.manhattan.ks.us.



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RCPD plan a sobriety checkpoint

This Saturday night, March 13, the Riley County Police Department and Kansas Highway Patrol will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in the southcentral section of Manhattan, according to a press release from the RCPD. The checkpoint will run into the early hours of Sunday, March 14.

The checkpoint will be set up to detect and deter impaired drivers, according to the report. These efforts are funded in part from a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation, according to the report.

DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

SUNDAY

Beau Adam Blackwell, Leawood, Kan., was arrested at 6:15 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Jason Maurice Nichols, Fort Riley, was arrested at 9:15 a.m. for battery and criminal restraint. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Michael Edward Tanner, Clay Center, Kan., was arrested at 12:30 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Linda Irene Spear, Salina, was arrested at 2:15 p.m. for driving with a canceled or

suspended license. Bond was set at \$750. Stacy Joanna Woodworth, Riley, Kan., was arrested at 3:55 p.m. for failure to appear.

Bond was set at \$300.

Kyle Robert Gaunce, 2215 College Ave., was arrested at 4:35 p.m. for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,100.

Jason Aaron Bradt, 24 Waterway, was arrested at 6:35 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,000.

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If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Bethaney Wallace at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

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POLICE REPORTS

Cars vandalized over the weekend

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

Spray paint damaged the hood of a car this weekend, according to a report from the Riley County Police Depart-

A 2001 Dodge belonging to Michael Gibson was reported damaged sometime between 5 and 7 p.m. on March 5 at 1837 College Heights. The hood of the car had been spray painted causing damages of \$500.

A 2004 Acura belonging to Ryan Freed was also damaged when an object was thrown at the hood. The incident occurred between 10:30 p.m. on March 5 and 7:50 a.m. on March 6 at 3018 Sandstone. The damages were estimated at \$700.

There were also damages reported to a car belonging to Monica Milligan of Gravois Mills, Mo.

According to the report, Milligan's 2003 Range Rover was damaged sometime between 5:30 p.m. on March 6 and 2 p.m. on March 7. The car had scratches on the front driver side door and fender and a punctured driver's side rear tire. A University of Kansas emblem was also removed from the car. The value of damages was \$1,400.

FAKE PATTY'S DAY

The Riley County Police Department found itself busy this weekend, while students were out celebrating the Fake Patty's Day holiday.

Over the weekend there were more than 30 reported incidents of minors in possession of alcohol, and nearly 20 counts of driving under the influence, according to a RCPD report Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. said they are still going through paperwork from this weekend's festivities.

ONE WOMAN TRANS-PORTED TO MERCY

One woman was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center this weekend after her vehicle was struck from behind.

According to Crosby, Jennifer Oswalt, 20, was transported when her 2007 Pontiac G6 was hit by another vehicle.

Crosby said Oswalt apparently braked when a car pulled out in front of her. Brandon Stewart, 16, struck her from behind while driving a 2004 Pontiac Grand Am, at the 4000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard.

Oswalt was transported after complaint of head and neck pain, and Stewart was given a citation for following too closely.

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CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Rec Services is offering free Jump Rope Fitness classes on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. in the west multipurpose room at the Rec Complex. Classes are limited to 25 people due to jumping space, so sign up for a spot at the front service desk at the Rec.

Entries for intramural softball and individual/ doubles sports are being accepted in the office at the Rec Complex through Thursday. For entry forms and more information go to Recservices.ksu.edu or call 785-532-6980.

Rec Services' personal trainers and nutrition consultants are offering Kat Kravings, a five-week program involving both nutrition and fitness. The cost for students is \$50 and \$75 for Rec members. This program is limited to 40 participants and begins March 21. For more information, call the office at 785-532-6980.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday in Holtz Hall. Contact K-state.edu/ces for more information

March is National Nutrition Month. Purchase a nutritional analysis at the Rec Complex during the month of March for half price. Student price is \$7.50, and the fee is \$10 for Rec members. Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex. Call 785-532-6980 for more information.

Powercat Financial Counseling hosts Walk-in Financial Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Office of Student Activities and Services, ground floor of the Union. No annointment necessary. Come in and ask neer financial counselors your quick money questions every Friday morning until April 30.

Nominations are being accepted for the Anderson Senior Awards, the Multicultural Leadership and

Service Awards and the Graduate Student Awards. Anyone is free to nominate deserving students who will be graduating in May, August or December 2010. Forms are available at K-state.com/awards and are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

The Student Homecoming Committee is now seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the Alumni Center or complete one online at K-state.com/ homecoming. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Friday.

Information Technology Assistance Center will be presenting the following orientations. The events are open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration required.

-IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday in Hale Library room

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. -Thursday - Zimbra Calendar

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will offer the following sessions: March 25 - A Sense of Where We Are: Geographic Information Science and Systems April 22 - Show ME, Don't Tell ME. All events are from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To out a form or e-mail news editor Bethaney Wallace at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear be cause of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity. Confirmation will not be provided.

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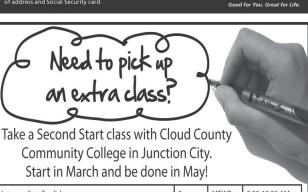
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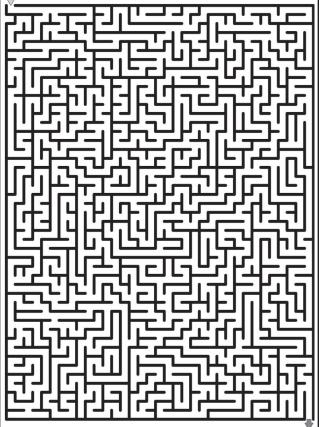
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'Common good' job fair provides chance to connect

Tiffany Roney | COLLEGIAN

For students seeking jobs and internships in the not-for-profit world, the Common Good Fair may be just what they need to get their feet in the door.

Employers at the fair plan to search for a wide range of majors, including advertising, criminology, radio and television, social work and more.

"With the economy being the way that it is, students need to look wherever the opportunities are," said Gloria Freeland, assistant professor in journalism and mass communications. "If students are looking for jobs or internships, they're going to probably find them there."

Freeland said she wanted to encourage students to dress professionally and take their resumés. However, for those who don't have a chance to fully get ready before the fair begins, there is a room set up for last-minute preparations.

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before the students enter the internship fair if they want to straighten their hair, take a little breath before going in, leave their backpacks – things like that," Freeland said.

The fair will feature 43 employers in non-profit and government fields, ranging from sociology, criminology and social work jobs, to careers utilizing leadership and communications skills.

"We're happy to target some of the non-profit and other types of organizations that might be hard to get for other events on campus," said Karl Kandt, assistant director of Career and Employment Services. "All students are welcome, all majors – we want all students, whether they're in business or education or whatever – to stop by and attend."

The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday in the K-State Student Union Ballroom and the list of employers can be accessed through K-State students' CES accounts.

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for rising costs, loss of parental support and potential loss of scholarships as a fifth-year student.

"These sudden, new, tacked-on fees will probably make it extremely difficult for me to remain as a full-time student at K-State," Lindsey said. "I will have to discuss my options with the Financial Aid Office and probably entirely redo my FAFSA to let them know that it's been increased and I don't know how much longer I can afford to pay for it."

Lindsey said she understands the need to increase costs to gain access to resources. She said it's dif-

ficult to prioritize cheaper costs or better classrooms and more teachers.

"People would like to get the same education without having ... to literally sell organs on the black market," Lindsey said. "But, in the same token, you get what you pay for."

She said she would like to see the school reallocate funds and reevaluate priorities. She said beautification and parking should be secondary concerns while students should be prima-

"I'd like them all to get together and decide, 'Put students first and worry about ... everything else second."

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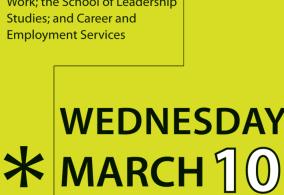


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Drunk Legislation

Loophole in law would aid DUI offenders





While perusing Saturday's Wichita Eagle, it occurred to me that accountability seems to not be as important as it used to be in this state. The Eagle ran a story about a proposed bill in the Kansas Senate that would eliminate almost all accountability on convicted drunk drivers.

The main idea of this bill is drivers required to install an ignition interlocking system would not have to ever actually report whether they had the device installed. For those unfamiliar with the ignition interlock system, basically there is a device hooked up to a vehicle's ignition system that requires the driver to blow into an onboard Breathalyzer.

The vehicle will not start if that person's blood-alcohol content is above half the legal limit. The device will also require the driver to randomly blow into the device again as the vehicle continues to run so as to prevent drinking after the vehicle has started.

The only reason someone would have one of these devices in their vehicle is through a court order. The guidelines for whether or not you are required to have an ignition interlock system are pretty straightforward. Drivers are required to have such a system if it is their second drunk driving offense, they refuse a field sobriety test or if their blood alcohol level is twice the legal limit or higher. Essentially, you have to be pretty drunk, uncooperative or a repeat offender to have to install one of these

The law being proposed by Senator Mary Cook from Shawnee would allow a loophole for people to not have to install this device even if a judge orders them to do so.

With the current system, the device is installed by a mechanic for up to \$70 as well as up \$75 a month for fees such as general upkeep and maintenance of the device. After that, the driver must then report to the court that he or she has in fact had the device installed in their vehicle.

The loophole being proposed is for people without a vehicle so that they don't have to report they had the device installed on some vehicle.

While I think Senator Cook has a good idea in not requiring people without vehicles to report they had the device installed, what's to keep a person with a vehicle from saying they do not have a vehicle? If I was ever in that situation and this legislation was in place, of course I would not have a vehicle. Who would? Why pay \$75 a month if I don't have to?

So the law may be unfair to some people, namely those without a vehicle, but why make an exemption law so broad that it will actually demean the entire system already

in place? There will be no accountability on these convicted drivers. They will simply say they don't have a vehicle, and presto, they don't have to install and pay for that annoying little device.

While I do realize it is possible to get a DUI without actually owning a vehicle, for example, driving a lawn mower on a public road while intoxicated, I just find it hard to prove you don't have a vehicle if you really do have a vehicle. True there are unregistered vehicles out there, but if that's your source of transportation and that's what you got your DUI in, wouldn't the police be aware of that when they take you in? I guess it is possible to work the system so well that you appear not to own a vehicle even though you do. Look at how Senator Cook is trying to work the system. Final thought: just what the laws need, more loopholes.

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LETTER TO THE

Faculty prevent real break

Dear Editor, It is unfortunate that what is labeled a "student holiday" by the university is not respected as such by many professors and instructors.

Many students consider this annual week-long break, "Spring Break," from school an opportunity to engage in positive activities, like service projects that serve the poor and underprivileged in inner cities.

Many organizations mobilize students months in advance to take advantage of this short time away from studies. They form teams that train and commit leaders for service and experiences that have life-long impact.

However, some professors do not respect spring break as a student holiday. Rather, they schedule massive papers, assignments and projects to be completed over the week, along with mid-term exams to be taken at the beginning of the next week.

This commits many students to an entire week's worth of work during their holiday, forcing them to drop previous commitments during that time, even leadership in service projects around the country.

In essence, spring break only becomes a paid vacation for faculty. If K-State wants to be known as a higher education institution that values the whole person, it will enforce the so-called spring break as an actual student holiday in which professors cannot assign extra work to keep students busy.

To the professors and instructors: not every student wastes the week away in idleness or irresponsible behavior. But even if they did, it is beyond your authority to claim that time away from your students with extra

If spring break is only going to let faculty off the hook, then let's eliminate it entirely.

> Cary McCall CAMPUS MINISTER CATS FOR CHRIST

U.S. should call Armenian killings genocide



Between the years of 1915 and 1923 in World War I, about 1.5 million ethnic Armenians died in Ottoman, Turkey. These victims died either from the merciless Turkish soldiers or from starvation and disease. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, genocide can be classified as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political or cultural group." Turkey indicted leaders of the massacres after World War I, and even acknowledged that the atrocities

did occur but insisted they were not "systematic" killings. Systematic or not, a significant number of Arme-

nians were mass-killed. Controversy concerning this issue and the definition of genocide is raising questions and arguments in Washington D.C. During his presidential campaign, President Obama promised the American people he would, in fact, deem the mass killings genocide. All of a sudden, his standpoint has changed and with a 23-22 House of Representatives vote, the Obama administration has urged the House to push back the resolution.

In 2006, the French Parliament voted that not recognizing the killings in Armenia as genocide was a criminal act. In response to this ruling, Turkey denounced any former relationship established with France. Several other countries have come forward to recognize

the genocide but the U.S. stays stag-

First of all, when you kill hundreds of thousands of people from a single country, it is, in my opinion, genocide. Secondly, this resolution has been on the horizon for years, with the Bush administration in 2007 pushing the matter to the back burner to relieve any tension that might ensue with Turkey. Obviously, this is due to the Iraq war and Turkey's involvement and ties with the U.S. and the war effort.

Turkey has claimed a vote determining the events as genocide would undoubtedly hurt the relationship between the U.S. and Turkey, as well has hinder any resolution occurring between Armenia

Our excuse for backing out of the resolution is simply that we now believe it would hurt the ongoing negotiations between Armenia and Turkey. The real truth is that Turkey, due to its ongoing trade relationship with Iran, will be able to help the U.S. limit the nuclear program in Iran. We refuse to identify the monstrosity that occurred for the sake of our own political agenda. Even Mrs. Clinton, a key leader on this issue, has publicly acknowledged that the change of mindset in Washington is due to ongoing circumstances that have "changed in very significant ways."

Letting another country threaten us because we plan on holding them accountable for their actions is not the American way. America is at war and we do need to stay loval to our allies, but the recognition of the massive loss of Armenian life is long overdue.

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No pinching on St. Patty's | By Erin Logan







Quotable quote:

"It is easier to lead men to combat, stirring up their passion, than to restrain them and direct them toward the patient labors of peace."

- Andre Gide

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Life on the road best for Wildcats



After watching K-State lose on Senior Night to Iowa State Saturday, I came to the conclusion that K-State is actually a better team on the road than they are in the friendly confines of Bramlage Coliseum.

To be fair, they're a good team no matter where they're playing, but Saturday's loss solidified that in conference play, the Wildcats are better at silencing fans in other arenas than they are winning in front of their own.

And maybe, just maybe, that's a good thing.

I have no doubt the postseason run K-State is about to embark upon will be filled with friendly fans, as the conference tournament is just two short hours away, and the first round of the NCAA's will most likely run through Oklahoma City. However, there will be no true home games for the Wildcats. No arenas filled with only purple-clad fans.

Instead, there will many times be a balanced crowd, or crowds that are indifferent to the Wildcats because they support a team that isn't playing at the time. This is how tournament basketball works and it plays to the

strengths of the Wildcats. Wildcat fans have traveled well to many of this season's games, and the Wildcats have played well in most of them. Several hundred fans made the trip to Norman, Okla., to watch the win against the Sooners. There were tons of K-State supporters in Lincoln, Neb., too. Balanced crowds have brought victories for the Wildcats all season and the there's no reason the trend shouldn't continue into the

postseason. If you look at K-State's two road losses in conference play, both came to teams that finished in the top half of the Big 12, and at the time the games were played, both teams had home-court winning streaks in double digits. KU's is the nation's longest, at 59, and Missouri's was second in the nation at the time, at 29.

There will be no atmospheres like that for the rest of the season. Tough, true road games simply aren't on the schedule.

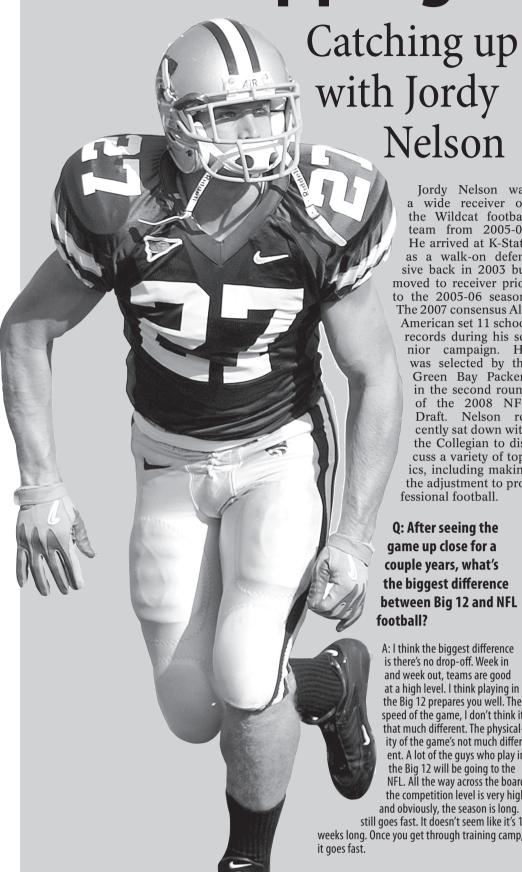
In the end, I'm not even sure the crowd is a large factor in K-State's wins and losses. What weighs on K-State the most is pressure. They have pressure to win at home, pressure they don't always have on the road. In both losses to KU, the Wildcats were faced with enormous pressure to win. Against Oklahoma State, the Wildcats lost to the Cowboys after beating No. 1 Texas just five days before. They suddenly were validated as one of the nation's top teams and it was expected that they win at home against the struggling Cowboys.

Looking toward the postseason, the Wildcats will again have large amounts of pressure to win. National media have already begun to doubt the team, calling the loss to Iowa State the biggest upset of the weekend. A poor showing in Kansas City this week will only make things worse. They won't be expected to win it all, but they are expected to win at least a game.

Luckily for the team, all of K-State's games are on the road from here on out, which seems to give them an edge.

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Stepping High



Jordy Nelson was a wide receiver on the Wildcat football team from 2005-07. He arrived at K-State as a walk-on defensive back in 2003 but moved to receiver prior to the 2005-06 season. The 2007 consensus All-American set 11 school records during his senior campaign. He was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the second round of the 2008 NFL Draft. Nelson recently sat down with the Collegian to discuss a variety of topics, including making the adjustment to professional football.

Q: After seeing the game up close for a couple years, what's the biggest difference between Big 12 and NFL football?

A: I think the biggest difference is there's no drop-off. Week in and week out, teams are good at a high level. I think playing in the Big 12 prepares you well. The speed of the game, I don't think it's that much different. The physicality of the game's not much different. A lot of the guys who play in the Big 12 will be going to the NFL. All the way across the board, the competition level is very high and obviously, the season is long. It still goes fast. It doesn't seem like it's 16 weeks long. Once you get through training camp,

Q: How did it feel to play in your first playoff game?

A: It was crazy, especially the one we played in. Obviously, one of the most points - if not the most points - scored in a game. The atmosphere is amazing. Just the energy level on the field. That's when you notice the speed of the game. It steps up. It's crazy how it does that, but in the playoffs, it's a whole other notch, a whole other

Q: What is it like to play at a historic venue like Lambeau Field?

A: It's one of those things that you'll look back on and realize that you got to do. We're spoiled. I mean, we go there every day and get the opportunity to play for that organization. Not being anywhere else, you don't know what you have. Talking to some guys that have come in from other teams, they've said "you don't know how lucky you have it." The coaches take care of you, the facilities, the fans, it's just one of those things. You try not to take it for granted, but it's hard.

Q: I know it's only been a couple years, but do you have a favorite moment so far?

A: I would have to say my first touchdown at Lambeau. It's close between that one and my first one ever. Just being able to get to do that Lambeau Leap. It's the best thing about being there. All the celebration goes out the window and you just have to jump. I don't have to dance or anything, which would be embarrassing. You get mauled and people have to pull you down because the fans won't let you go, but it's a good time. Obviously, it's one way that we're able to relate to the fans that no one else in the NFL can.

Q: Do you get much of a chance to follow K-State during the season?

A: Yeah, I try as much as I can. I had Sean Snyder send me every game film. He sent me DVDs so I could watch them. Of course, up in Wisconsin, I get to enjoy more Big Ten football than Big 12 football, so it's not the most enjoyable thing. He would send me those up and I would watch them, and I think they're improving. They had a good first year and I'm sure they're working plenty hard right now.

Q: What do you think about Bill Snyder being back?

A: I was excited. Obviously, what he did for the program when he first came and didn't leave on terms that he wanted to. We started dropping off, so I think it's good to have him back. Hopefully, he can get us back to where it was and get us back toward the front.

-Compiled by Justin Nutter

MEN'S GOLF

K-State sits at 14th after first day

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

The Fresno State Classic at San Joaquin Country Club went through a round and a little into the second before being suspended due to darkness. Currently, the men's golf team sits tied for 14th out of 16 teams.

The team finished the first round

with a total score of 40-over-par 380. They are tied with St. Mary's and two strokes ahead of San Jose State. Washington is currently in first place with a score of 363 and four-overpar. Pepperdine and Michigan round out the top three. Pepperdine is at five-over-par and the Wolverines are 10-over-par. Third-ranked Oregon is in sixth place with an 18-over-par and first round score of 369.

BYU was in second place earlier in the round but fell to fourth. The Cougars are 11-over-par and finished the first round with a score of 361. The Torreros of San Diego are in fifth place at 12-over-par. They are ranked

24th in the country. The Wildcats are only 10 strokes away from moving into the top 10. Host Fresno State is tied for 10th at 28-over-par and a round score of 370. Andrew Putnam of Pepperdine



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Redshirt freshman Chase Chamberlin hits a ball off a tee during a practice last

leads the field individually at five-under-par. Richard Lee and Brady Johnson are in second and third respectively. Lee has a four-under-par, while Johnson is at two-under-par.

K-State's top golfer is Joe Ida, who is tied for 20th with a score of two-overpar. Fellow Wildcat Mitchell Gregson follows close behind at three-over-par and tied for 25th. Curtis Yonke, Joe Kinney, Ben Juffer and Jason Schulte round out the field for the Wildcats. Schulte is the last of the Wildcats at 15-over-par and tied for 89th.

The second round will continue where it left off at 10 a.m. today. The final round will start immediately after the conclusion of the second.

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PREVIOUS RESULTS

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Wildcats see play improving in second round

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

In day two of the Eagle Landing Invitational, the K-State women's golf team collectively shot 18-over par 306, down from 313 the previous day, and currently holds 10th place in the tournament. Seventeen teams are competing, and the current leaders are Central Arkansas, South Florida and University of Il-

Coach Kristi Knight said while K-State did not really improve its standing, she saw definite improvement in the team's play and is proud

"It's just a little bit of the ear-

ly spring competition rust," Knight said. "The main thing is we did shoot a lower total, and I think everybody shot a little lower today."

Senior Morgan Moon shot a 1-over par 73 on Monday and is tied for 10th place individually. Senior Abbi Sunner shot 5-over par 76, freshman Hanna Roos shot 7-over par 79, sophomore Ami Storey shot 8-over par 80 and junior Elise Houtz shot 6-over par 78.

Knight said Moon did a nice job but was not very happy with her performance because she made a couple of bogeys coming in. She also said Roos really played a lot of solid golf and had a tough final couple of holes.

"I don't think there was such a dramatic change in our play from the first nine to the second nine," Knight said. "It's kind of hit or miss with golf. There were things that were better, but yet today a couple of the girls felt like they struck the ball better today, that they were more comfortable with their ball striking, but they felt like their putting was still lagging a little bit behind."

Knight said she could say flatout that they have putted poorly, but they have been inconsistent on the greens. She said they had more birdie opportunities today but did not necessarily convert many more.

She said that, although it sounds obvious, it comes down to making pars and getting the occasional birdie putt.

The coach said she is encouraged about tomorrow and proud of them for hanging in there and learning from day one. She said they took a small step - not a massive improvement, but a step in the right direc-

"They're having to fight and struggle a little bit to score, but I feel like they're doing that," Knight said. "They've made a step in the right direction today. I know they'll do their best to take another step in the right direction tomorrow."

Another Look



The Schultz's living room houses the family's extentsive collection of movies and offers a comfortable escape for K-State's first family.

Photos Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

President's house features new touch, old elegance

Tim Schrag | COLLEGIAN

Starting with William Jardine, 100 Wilson Circle, a three-story English country-style limestone house, has been home to the presidents of K-State and their families.

Intitally built in 1923 for \$31,000, the house was funded through the efforts of Mehitable C.C. Wilson to honor her late husband, Davies Wilson, who helped found the City of Manhattan and bring K-State to the city. Cecil Baker, former head of the department of Architecture, designed the home keeping a family's needs in mind.

Through the years, the house has been modified to meet the needs of each presidential family. Former President Jon Wefald and his family had made some of the most significant changes to the residence in 1998 by adding a two-car garage and converting the old garage into a formal gathering room.

Before current K-State President Kirk Schulz and his family moved in to the residence last August, they took the opportunity to renovate the vacant house.

To do this, they employed the help of Lynn Urick, a local interior designer. Urick said the Schulzs had asked her to design a home that would "speak to K-State and to Kansas."

"I took that to mean not fancy, not real formal, but dressed up a little bit, but it doesn't have a lot of real silky satiny rich fabrics in it, I think it's very livable," she said. "I feel it's very comfy and homey and welcoming."

Urick said when she was working with the design she also had to keep in mind how the Schulzs planned to use the house, as they like to entertain.

"The style was dictated by the function, [the house] was going to be used and is being used more than it had in the past for events and so we needed a lot of flexibility in furnishings that could be moved around and arranged," Urick said.

Urick started from the ground up selecting a large purple area rug to help accentuate the restored hardwood floors, where berber carpet had once lined every inch floor in the home. She pulled colors like green and several other neutral colors from the rug and added patterns, which she carried on into the formal living room

"I had a hand in pretty much everything; it was really a fun job because I had a lot of input with it," Urick

said. "The house had not been empty for about 23 years and so there were a lot of things that needed to be done from an infrastructure standpoint. The house was built in the 20s so when you've got an opportunity like that with the house empty you do a little bit more than you would."

K-State First Lady Noel Schulz said she thinks Urick did exactly what they asked for.

"We wanted to have purple and we wanted to have classy purple," Schulz said. "I mean you can have purple and it look more like a restaurant bar than necessarily a presidential home, and I think Lynn found that the greens work well with the purples and are probably a little more of a softer tone and a warmer tone and not in your face as much. So I think the greens help be warm and welcoming but also goes well with the purple."

Among the purples and greens hang artwork from Kansas artists, including a large painting from Sven Birger Sandzen called "Landscape." Some of these works come on loan from a local art gallery in Manhattan, others from the Beach Museum and the personal collection of the Schulz family.

The Schulzs have placed their personal touches all across their home, with copies of their favorite paper and hard back books lining the shelves of the sitting room adjoining the 18 seat dining room. Shot glasses from vacation spots to schools they have visited line a cabinet in their basement. On the second story an antique radio, which Noel inherited, sits waiting to be restored by the couple.

"When my grandfather passed away my dad was in the attic and there were a couple of those radios and so we asked for one of them and Kirk and I are going to some day, we hope to restore that in our copious spare time but we haven't found time yet," Schulz said. "But it's kind of a neat family heirloom to have that here and it reminds me of my grandfather and my dad."

Both the president and first lady have their own personal study, which houses a vast collection of CDs for Kirk and all kinds of scrapbooking materials for Noel.

Schulz said the most important room for their family would have to be the TV room, which houses over 500 movies from action/adventure to Disney flicks.

"That's where we hang out and watch movies, TV and ESPN," she said. "That's pretty much what's on our TV."



Noel Schulz displays her favorite piece of jewelry, a locket containing photos of both her sons.

Nora Dowie, house manager for K-State Facilities, said she loves what the Schulz family has done to the house.

"I love it now because we have the hardwood floors, I think that it is just fantastic, and it is so much nicer

and it is so nice and warm and easy to clean," she said.
When it comes to living in a home that is just a public as it is private, Schulz said the design of the house

allowed for an easy adjustment.

"Other president's homes that I've been in are kind of intermingled where you are using both for personal and public and that makes it harder," she said. "For a house that was built in 1923 it's actually a very nice open house, the fact that we've got these open areas is great. We really find that it's got an older elegance."

'Plastic Beach' offers powerful, innovative pop sound

"Plastic Beach"

★★★★★

Music review by Eli B. Neal

After a five year hiatus since the release of 2005's "Demon Days," the Grammy Award-winning British pop band Gorillaz have returned with their new album "Plastic Beach" on March 8.

"Plastic Beach" on March 8.

"Plastic Beach" is a fascinating and innovative album with a superstar cast that includes musicians who have helped to define music for the last five decades, ranging from Lou Reed to Snoop Dog, to legendary soul singer Bobby Womacks and members of The Clash.

Gorillaz is a fascinating band, not simply because of the music they create, but perhaps more so because they are a cartoon band. Gorillaz is a collaborative project between British musician Daman Albarn and cartoonist Jamie Hewlett. However the actual band, in all their music videos and even live performances, is a four member cartoon band made up of 2D characters

Murdoc Niccals, Russel Hobbs and Noodle. In the new album, the band has taken refuge on an island made entirely of litter. Behind their cartoon facade, however, Gorillaz are creating powerful and innovative pop music in a world where overproduced and void of meaning music has become the industry standard.

The most surprising moment in the album is probably its first. The album opens to a minute long original score played by a full orchestra, before shifting seamlessly into "Welcome to The World of The Plastic Beach," in which a horn ensemble plays over a jazzy beat over which Snoop Dogg proceeds to rap one of his best guest verses in recent memory.

"Plastic Beach" is filled with similarly surprising collaborations. "Stylo," the first single, has a thumping synthesized bass line straight out of the 80s and includes beautiful singing by Albarn, a guest verse by Mos Def, and soul singer Bobby Womack. Womack's career has spanned the last four decades, and his verses make "Stylo" strange and surreal and nothing less than fantastic.

The music video to "Stylo" is nearly as strange as the song. In it the band finds

themselves racing down a desert highway. After leaving a donut eating cop in the dust they are pursued by a magnum totting Bruce Willis who riddles their car with holes. The video is bizarre, entertaining and certainly worth watching.

certainly worth watching.

Other high points in the album include the title track that features Paul Simonon and Mick Jones, both of the legendary British punk band The Clash, and "Some Kind of Nature" featuring Lou Reed, famous for his part in the 1960's rock band The Velvet Underground as well as his solo work since.

"Plastic Beach" is successful not simply because it features so many world renowned musicians. Albarn's musical vision is undoubtedly the driving force. "Rhinestone Eyes," one of the solo songs on the album, pairs poetic lyrics with high-powered synth-lines and sped up chanting that is M.I.A.-esque, making it a perfect model for modern pop music done right.

Much like M.I.A., "Plastic Beach" dabbles in musical influences from around the world; most notably on "White Flag." The song combines an Oriental-Arabic orchestra with British rappers Kano and Bashy. It manages to pair hand drums, flutes and violins with a thumping bass line and playful rapping. The song may be the strangest on

If there is one complaint to make against "Plastic Beach," it is that it lacks one key collaboration. In previous work, Gorillaz had paired with West Coast rapper Del Tha Funkee Homosapien. Del's contributions on the bands first album, most notably on "Clint Eastwood," were terrific. Del's would have been a perfect fit for many of the songs on "Plastic Beach" but he is nowhere in sight.

As is often the case with new and innovative music, the first time listening to "Plastic Beach" much of the music may seem to venture a bit too far into uncharted territory. However, after listening to the album several times the initial shock wears off and the genius shines through. It will not be a surprise when the album goes multi-platinum in the U.K. and the U.S. or when it wins one, if not several Grammys.

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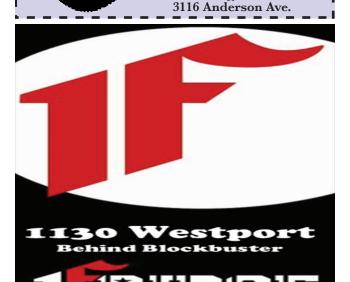
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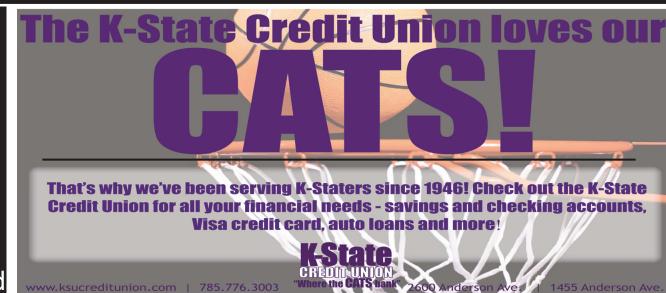
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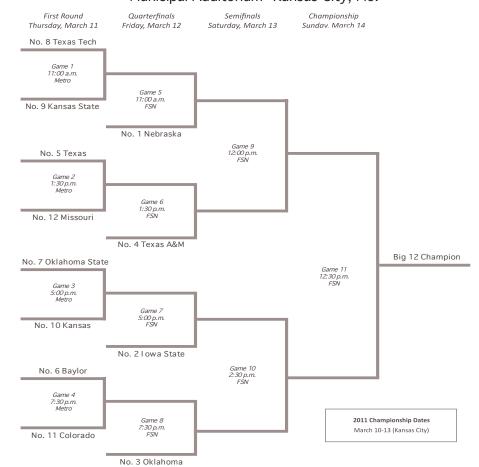
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